(b) if so, whether this decision will help the private sector to speed up the start of FM channels in various cities.

(c) the main decisions taken in this regard;

(d) whether the officials of the AIR with the private FM operations had met to study the technical and financial feasibility of this scheme;

(e) if so, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(f) to what extent it has been beneficial to the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has decided to permit the private FM operators to share its common infrastructural facilities, including towers, subject to technical feasibility and on payment of licence fee. Each request is considered from the point of view of its technical feasibility after taking into account Prasar Bharati's own requirement and the licence fee is fixed on the basis of the investments and operational cost of these facilities Detailed terms and conditions vary from place to place depending upon the requirement of private operator, nature of infrastructural facilities and the number of operators.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Speedy operationalisation of private FM Stations will help provide high quality multi-channel entertainment. Other benefits would include revenue from licence fee increased employment and boost to related manufacturing industries due to increased demand for FM radio and related accessories. Sharing of Prasar Bharati's towers will ensure optimal utilisation of these assets.

Inquiry into Irregularities Committed by Companies

†841. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is fact that the Department of Company Affairs is inquiring into the irregularities committed by a number of companies registered in the country;

(b) If so, the number of abovesaid companies involved in the inquiry as on September 2001; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The amount involved in the irregularities alleged against the said companies?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Inspections under Section 209A of the Companies Act, 1956 are part of the regular activities of the Department, and are ordered from time to time.

(b) and (c) In the current financial year, inspection of 173 Companies has been ordered upto September 2001. Irregularities committed, if any, by the companies may, or may not, have financial implications.

Streamlining of Judiciary

842. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madras High Court had expunged certain remarks of a subordinate judge/judges of Chennai as unwarranted; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to streamline judiciary and to have a code of conduct for the judges?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The information is being collected from the Madras High Court and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The Government proposes to set up a National Judicial Commission which will, *inter alia,* draw up a code of ethics for the judiciary.

Quicker Dispensation of Justice as Anti-Terrorism Measure

843. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) while welcoming anti-terrorism measures being adopted by Government either through legislation or through tightening of vigilance content or law enforcing agencies becoming more active. Whether Government are also thinking of measures which would ensure quicker dispensation of justice in such cases, through a time-bound judicial verdict; and

(b) if so, whether such measures would be introduced early so that a sense of deterrence could be installed in the minds of potential criminals who very often take advantage of dilatory tactics in judicial proceedings and processes?